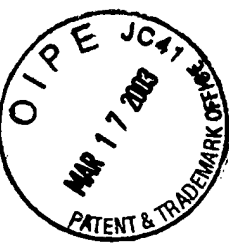


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests status be provided to the undersigned at your earliest opportunity since the subject application was filed over nineteen (19) months ago and no Office Action has been received nor any response to Applicant's "Response to Communication and Notification of Abandonment" filed September 25, 2002.

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